

**CLAIMS**

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is as follows:

- 1       1. A method for controlling data transfer between  
2       embedded resources in a device using middleware,  
3       comprising the steps of:  
4               separating a functionality of said middleware  
5       into a control interface and a data interface, said  
6       middleware functionality enabling interoperability  
7       of said device with other devices in a given  
8       system, said other devices also using said  
9       middleware to provide said functionality, said  
10       middleware functionality also enabling a software  
11       object resident on a general purpose processor of  
12       said device to transfer data between said embedded  
13       resources, there being a control interface and a  
14       data interface for each of said object and each of  
15       said embedded resources;  
16               constructing said control interfaces within  
17       said general purpose processor of said device;  
18               extracting said data interfaces for said  
19       embedded resources outside said general purpose  
20       processor, such that said data transfer, under  
21       control of said object exercised through said  
22       middleware via said control interfaces, occurs  
23       directly between said embedded resources without  
24       going through said general purpose processor.
- 1       2. A method as in claim 1, wherein said respective  
2       control interfaces for each of said embedded

3 resources are implemented using device drivers of  
4 said respective embedded resources.

1 3. A method as in claim 1, wherein said respective  
2 data interfaces for each of said embedded resources  
3 are each connected to a switch matrix, said switch  
4 matrix being external to said general purpose  
5 processor and serving to connect said embedded  
6 resources.

1 4. A method as in claim 3, wherein said switch  
2 matrix is implemented as a connection fabric.

1 5. A method as in claim 3, wherein said switch  
2 matrix is implemented as a shared memory.

1 6. A method as in claim 1, wherein said device is  
2 a software defined radio, said given system is the  
3 Joint Tactical Radio System, and said middleware is  
4 compliant with Software Communications Architecture  
5 (SCA).

1 7. A method as in claim 3, wherein one of said  
2 embedded resources is a Field Programmable Gate  
3 Array (FPGA).

1 8. A method as in claim 7, further comprising the  
2 steps of:

3 creating an Interface Description Language  
4 (IDL) description of a raw interface of said FPGA;  
5 generating from said IDL a description of an  
6 interface between a core functionality of said FPGA  
7 and said switch matrix, and a description of a

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8 controller for performing said core functionality;  
9 and  
10 integrating said core functionality interface  
11 into said data interface of said FPGA, and  
12 integrating said controller into said control  
13 interface of said FPGA.

1 9. A system for controlling data transfer between  
2 embedded resources in a device using middleware,  
3 comprising:

4 means for separating a functionality of said  
5 middleware into a control interface and a data  
6 interface, said middleware functionality enabling  
7 interoperability of said device with other devices  
8 in a given system, said other devices also using  
9 said middleware to provide said functionality, said  
10 middleware functionality also enabling a software  
11 object resident on a general purpose processor of  
12 said device to transfer data between said embedded  
13 resources, there being a control interface and a  
14 data interface for each of said object and each of  
15 said embedded resources;

16 means for constructing said control interfaces  
17 within said general purpose processor of said  
18 device;

19 means for extracting said data interfaces for  
20 said embedded resources outside said general  
21 purpose processor, such that said data transfer,  
22 under control of said object exercised through said  
23 middleware via said control interfaces, occurs  
24 directly between said embedded resources without  
25 going through said general purpose processor.

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1       10. A system as in claim 9, wherein said  
2       respective control interfaces for each of said  
3       embedded resources are implemented using device  
4       drivers of said respective embedded resources.

1       11. A system as in claim 9, wherein said  
2       respective data interfaces for each of said  
3       embedded resources are each connected to a switch  
4       matrix, said switch matrix being external to said  
5       general purpose processor and serving to connect  
6       said embedded resources.

1       12. A system as in claim 11, wherein said switch  
2       matrix is implemented as a connection fabric.

1       13. A system as in claim 11, wherein said switch  
2       matrix is implemented as a shared memory.

1       14. A system as in claim 9, wherein said device is  
2       a software defined radio, said given system is the  
3       Joint Tactical Radio System, and said middleware is  
4       compliant with Software Communications Architecture  
5       (SCA).

1       15. A system as in claim 11, wherein one of said  
2       embedded resources is a Field Programmable Gate  
3       Array (FPGA).

1       16. A system as in claim 15, further comprising:  
2       means for creating an Interface Description  
3       Language (IDL) description of a raw interface of  
4       said FPGA;

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5           means for generating from said IDL a  
6       description of an interface between a core  
7       functionality of said FPGA and said switch matrix,  
8       and a description of a controller for performing  
9       said core functionality; and  
10       means for integrating said core functionality  
11      interface into said data interface of said FPGA,  
12      and integrating said controller into said control  
13      interface of said FPGA.